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**MINUTES OF JANUARY 5, 2011
COMMISSION MEETING**

OPEN SESSION

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairperson Stephanie Shimazu called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m., and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call of Commissioners.

Roll Call of Commissioners was taken, with Chairperson Stephanie Shimazu and Commissioners Tiffany Conklin and James Shelby present.

3. Financial Audit of Special Distribution Fund (Pursuant to Tribal-State Gaming Compact Section 5.3(d)):

Barona Band of Mission Indians

Cindy Thompson, Acting Deputy Director, Compliance Division indicated that Tribal Representatives have requested that the Commission consider this item in closed session to permit the discussion of non-public financial data and other information which is confidential pursuant to the Tribal State Compact. Ms. Thompson further indicated while the Commission is obligated to take action in open session, the Commission is authorized to discuss this matter with Tribal representatives in a closed session in accordance with Government Code section 11126.4.

CLOSED SESSION:

1. Discussion of Confidential Information Pursuant to Tribal-State Compact Section 7.4.3 (Government Code Section 11126.4)

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION: 10:15

Joe Dhillon, Chief Counsel, indicated that the Commissioners voted 3 to 0 to approve staff's recommendation to waive accrued interest in the amount of \$313,893.58.

BREAK:

OPEN SESSION - 1:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order
2. Financial Audit of Special Distribution Fund (Pursuant to Tribal-State Gaming Compact Section 5.3(d)):
Robinson Rancheria of Pomo Indians of California

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RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION: 1:50 PM

Joe Dhillon, Chief Counsel, indicated that the Commissioners voted 3 to 0 to modify staff's recommendation and require the Tribe to pay the amount of \$621.71 in accrued interest; all remaining interest related to the audit at issue was waived.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Tribe's attorney, Lester Marston, on behalf of the Robinson Rancheria, expressed that it was one of the most pleasant appearances in front of any state agency that he has ever had in his thirty-three years of practicing law and thanked the Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Shimazu adjourned the meeting at 2:00 PM.